

Alike and Different

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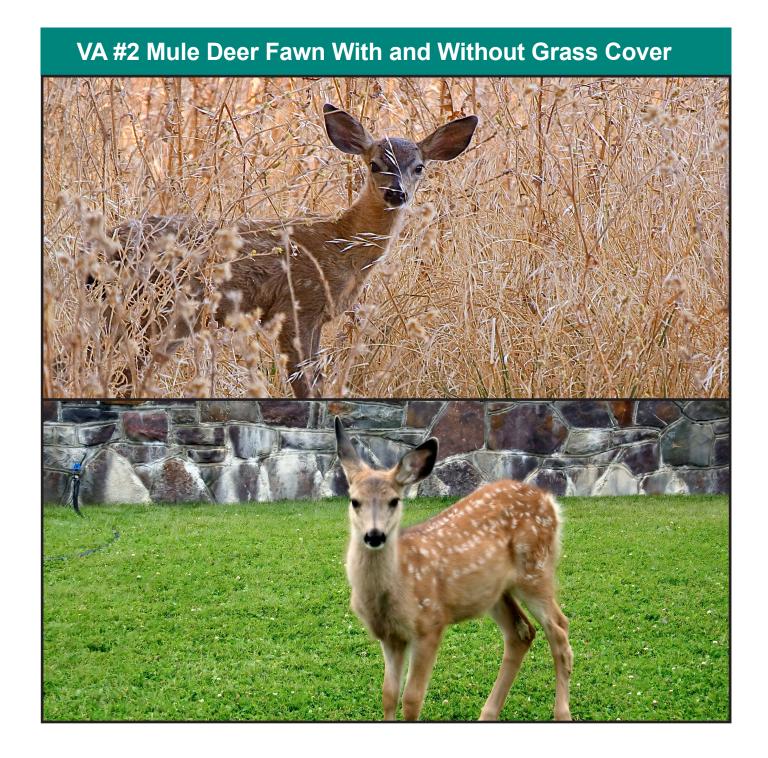
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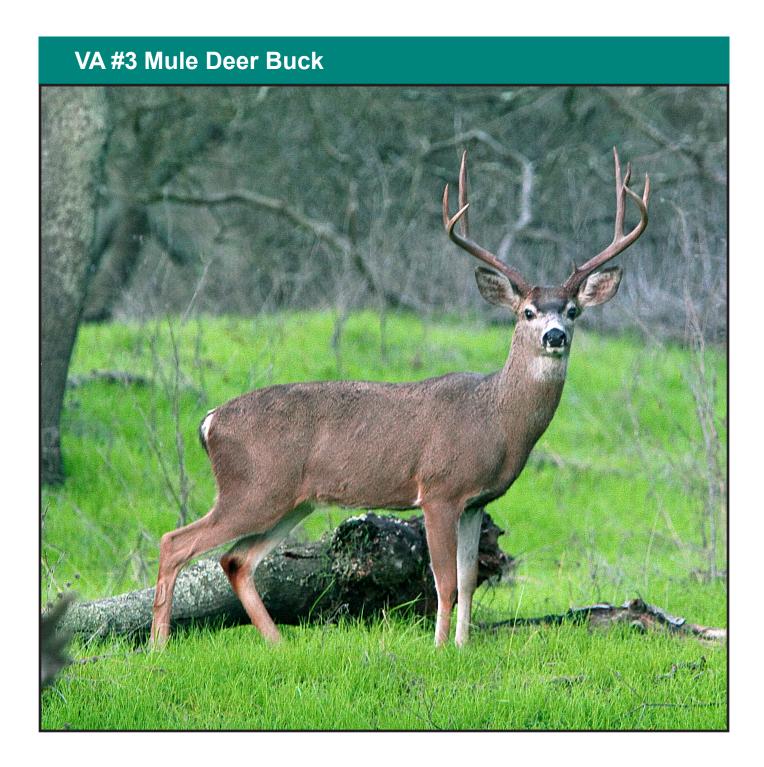
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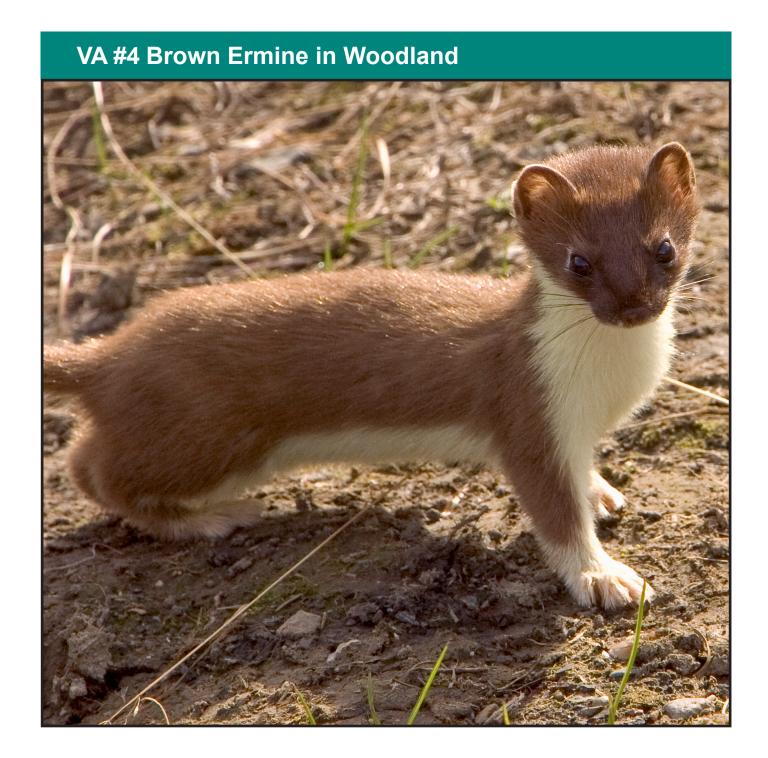


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VA #1 White Ermine in Snow and After Snowmelt













They like to hunt birds.

They are medium in size.

VA #6 Spaniels with Solid Color or Patches: Page 1





This black father inherited the solid-color trait from both parents.

This black-and-white mother inherited the patches trait from both parents.

All their puppies will inherit one of each trait.

Will they have a solid color or patches?

All the puppies will be black.









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One of these spaniels with a solid-color and patches trait becomes a father. The black mother also inherited one of each trait.

Will their puppies have a solid color or patches?

Three out of four will inherit the solid-color trait from at least one parent.









They will be black. One out of four will inherit the patches or mixed-color trait for patches from both parents. It will have patches.

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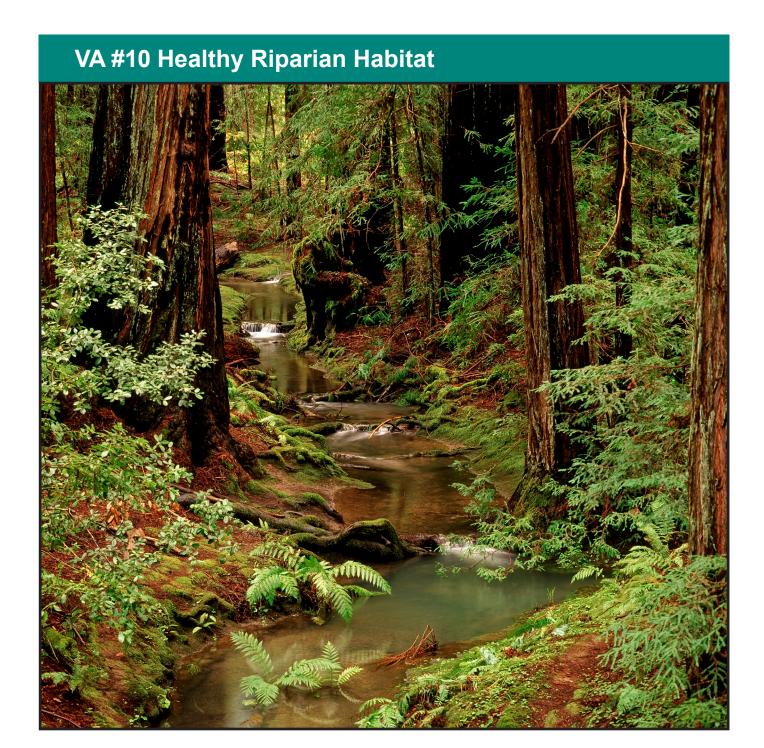


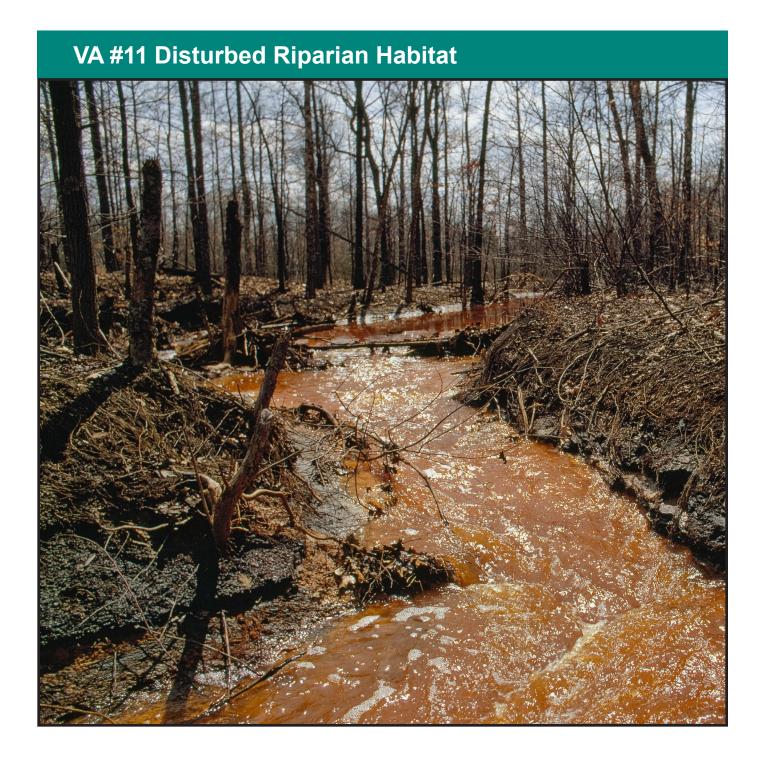
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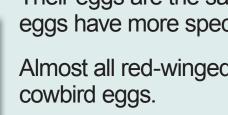


VA #12 How Red-winged Blackbirds Treat Cowbird Eggs



If you walk by a wetland, you might find a nest with two red-winged blackbird eggs and three cowbird eggs.

Cowbirds and red-winged blackbirds are both in the blackbird family.



Their eggs are the same size. But cowbird eggs have more speckles.



Almost all red-winged blackbirds accept

They raise cowbird hatchlings along with

their own.



A few red-winged blackbirds inherited a variation.

Some blackbirds reject cowbird eggs.

This lets red-winged blackbirds raise more of their own young.

VA #13 Elephant Seals



Adult elephant seal



Elephant seal pup

VA #14 Pipefish



Pipefish in eelgrass



Pipefish in green seagrass





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